*Bridge near the S. C. Seminary junction, Tiruvalla.*

102. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the portion of the Main Central road between the S. C. Seminary junction and the Tukalassery Anglican Church junction of Tiruvalla has been closed for traffic;

(*b*) the reason why it has not been repaired till now (18-10-1107), so as to render it fit for traffic;

(*c*) whether the new bridge put up there by the Public Works Department, in place of the old one, is to be reconstructed as it is in a state of disrepair;

(*d*) if so, the reason why it got damaged;

(*e*) if the said bridge has thus been damaged, the amount of loss sustained by them; and

(*f*) if they have incurred such loss, the person responsible for the same?

**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) About one year and five months.

(*b*) Owing to the treacherous nature of the foundations, it was considered advisable to carry out test loading on the abutments before completing the superstructure. A wooden platform on R. S. girders has been substituted for the reinforced concrete platform originally intended for the bridge decking. The R. S. girders have been ordered and the bridge will be completed soon after they arrive.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) No actual loss has been sustained. Extra expenditure has been incurred on account of the test loading considered necessary and the work connected with carrying it out.

(*f*) The question of responsibility does not arise as the extra work was of a nature reasonably contingent upon the execution of a work of this nature in a treacherous sub-soil.

*Clerks appointed in the Secretariat during 1104-1107.*

103. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of clerks appointed in the Secretariat in each of the years 1104, 1105, 1106 and in the first half of 1107; and

(*b*) how many of them are—

(i) Sambavars;
(ii) Cheramars;
(iii) Fishermen;
(iv) Saliyas;
(v) members of the Yogisvara community;
(vi) members of the Krishnamvakai community;
(vii) Chetties;
(viii) Maravars;
(ix) Barbers; and
(x) Kammalas (Asaris)?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. of appointments of clerks in 1104 ... 10
Do. 1105 ... 10
Do. 1106 ... 16
Do. 1107 ... Nil.

(*b*) Nil.

*Proposal of the Retrenchment Committee re salary cuts.*

104. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of salary cuts engaged the attention of the Retrenchment Committee;

(*b*) the rates of cut proposed by the Committee;

(*c*) whether there was any dissenting note; and

(*d*) whether there was any difference of opinion among the official members?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) By 5 per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 40 per mensem, but is less than Rs. 100 per mensem.

(ii) By 7½ per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 100 per mensem but is less than Rs. 300 per mensem.

(iii) By 10 per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 300 per mensem.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the dissenting note?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The member himself has dissented.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Sir, answers to supplementary questions are meant for the whole House and not for individual members.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): "Mr. Narayanaperumal Nadar dissented from the view of the majority of the Committee and was of opinion that as the cost of living in Travancore is much cheaper than in places outside, the cut should be extended to officers whose pay is not below Rs 25 per mensem and should be made at the following rates:—

Officers whose pay ranges—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| from Rs. | 25 to 39 | 2 | per cent. |
| Do. | 40 to 99 | 4 | Do. |
| Do. | 100 to 250 | 7½ | Do. |
| Do. | 251 to 500 | 10 | Do. |
| Do. | 501 to 1,000 | 12½ | Do. |
| Do. | 1,001 and upwards | 15 | Do. |

*Retrenchment Committee.*

105. MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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